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SOVIET STEEL PLANTS MAINTAIN OUTPUT

FURNACE ACHIEVES LONG RUN -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 184, 6 Aug 49

Open-hearth furnace No 8 of the Plant imeni Dzerzhinskiy in Dnepropetrovsk completed a run which totaled 565 smeltings. The furnace is now undergoing repair. This is the longest run for an open-hearth furnace in the Dnepr area.

PLANT WINS CONTEST -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 181, 3 Aug 49

The "Zaporozhstal'" Plant has won its competition with the "Azovstal'" Plant. Zaporozh'ye blast furnace operators, in fulfilling the 6-month plan, have outdistanced blast furnace operators in other southern metallurgical plants. The open-hearth furnace operators have also done well, recently setting a new steel-smelting record. The thin sheet-steel shop of the same plant has completed its 7-month plan for the production of hot-rolled steel sheet.

PLANT REPORTS SUCCESS -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 154, 6 Aug 49

The Vyartsilya Metallurgical Plant completed the first half-year plan 124 percent, producing 150 percent more output than during all of 1948. The plan was completed for assortment. The cost of production was lowered 15 - 22 percent, and the plant saved 3,797,000 rubles. More than 900,000 rubles of working capital were released.

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